



# SYNOPSIS

## Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2013 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 17, 2013**  
**Schedule 7**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 22 – Bill request deadline.  
February 1 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 4.  
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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### **SENATE BILL INTRODUCED *January 16, 2013***

#### **SB 126    The President (By Request – Administration)**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, AND 2012

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,103,006,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes; etc.

#### **VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

Various Chapters of Various Years - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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**SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 17, 2013****SB 142 Senator Pugh, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – TELEPHONE SERVICE – CHARGES FOR DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE**

Providing that specified residential customers are entitled to only a specified number of directory assistance calls each month without charge; requiring the Public Service Commission to approve other charges for directory assistance, subject to an exception; and repealing a provision that authorizes the Commission to establish additional exemptions from directory assistance charges.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PU, § 8-202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 143 Senator Pugh, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS – EVALUATIONS**

Requiring each county board of education to evaluate the effectiveness of the emergency management plan in each public school under the jurisdiction of the county board on or before November 1, 2013; requiring each county board of education to report to the State Department of Education on a specified evaluation on or before December 1, 2013; requiring the Department to make a specified report to the General Assembly; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

ED, § 7-435 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 144 Senator Kasemeyer****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HISTORICALLY AND ARCHITECTURALLY VALUABLE PROPERTY**

Increasing, from 10% to 25%, the amount of restoration and preservation expenses for specified historic structures that the governing body of a county or municipal corporation may authorize to be claimed by specified taxpayers as a property tax credit against the county or municipal property tax; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

TP, § 9-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 145 Senator Brochin, et al****BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY – UNPAID WATER AND SANITARY CHARGES – COLLECTION**

Requiring the tax collectors in Baltimore City and Baltimore County to withhold a residential property from a tax sale when the lien on the property arises solely from specified unpaid water, sewer, and sanitary system charges, fees, or assessments and the total amount of the lien is less than \$750; and repealing the prohibition against the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City from selling a property solely to enforce a specified lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

TP, § 14-811 and EN, §§ 9-658(g), 9-662(m), 9-724(c), and 9-726 - amended and TP, § 14-849.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 146 Senators Colburn and Pipkin (By Request – Caroline County Commissioners and Dorchester County Council)****CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

Requiring the Governor to appoint the members of the Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College from a list of at least three qualified individuals submitted to the Governor by each county that supports Chesapeake College.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

ED, § 16-406 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 147     Senators Colburn and Pipkin (By Request – Caroline County Commissioners and Dorchester County Council)**

CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE – AUTHORIZATION OF DEBT FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS – SIMPLE MAJORITY PLUS ONE REQUIREMENT

Altering the budget approval process for Chesapeake College to require that capital items or programs that would require specified debt service payments be approved by a simple majority plus one of the member counties that support the college; providing that capital items or programs that are not approved by a simple majority plus one are deleted from the proposed budget and the remainder of the budget is subject to a simple majority approval requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

ED, § 16-301(f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 148     Senators Colburn and Pipkin**

CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO-BREWERY LICENSES

Adding Caroline County to the list of counties in which the Comptroller may issue a Class 7 micro-brewery (on- and off-sale) license; and adding the county to the list of counties in which a Class 7 micro-brewery licensee may sell at retail beer brewed under the license to customers for consumption off the licensed premises in refillable containers under specified conditions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Art. 2B, § 2-208 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 149     Senator Colburn**

DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO-BREWERIES

Authorizing the Comptroller to issue a Class 7 micro-brewery license to a holder of a Class D beer license in Dorchester County; and providing for the hours and days for consumer sales under the Class 7 micro-brewery license.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Art. 2B, § 2-208(b) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 150 Senator Colburn****DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINERS**

Creating in Dorchester County a refillable container license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to holders of specified alcoholic beverages licenses; specifying that a holder of the refillable container license may sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a specified refillable container; prohibiting a holder of a refillable container license to display or provide shelving for beer for off-premises consumption; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Art. 2B, § 8-210 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 151 Senator Colburn****HOSPITALS – OUTPATIENT SERVICES – OFF-SITE FACILITY – RATE REGULATION**

Altering the hospital outpatient services for which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program must pay according to specified rates, under specified circumstances; altering the date by which a hospital must notify the Health Services Cost Review Commission that the hospital would like specified services to be subject to specified provisions of law; altering the hospital outpatient services for which a hospital may elect to be subject to specified provisions of law; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 15-105(d) and Chapter 670 of the Acts of 1999, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 152 Senator Colburn****STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – YOUTH POLITICAL AWARENESS DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the first Monday in November as Youth Political Awareness Day; and requiring that the proclamation urge specified organizations to observe Youth Political Awareness Day properly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, § 13-411 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 153     Senator Currie****HIGHER EDUCATION – ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE**

Requiring public institutions of higher education to adopt policies for the purpose of awarding academic credit to specified students for military education, training, and experience received while an active duty member of the uniformed services of the United States; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to award academic credit to specified students for military education, training, and experience; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

ED, § 15-113 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 154     Senator Mathias****SOMERSET COUNTY – COUNTY TREASURER – ABOLISHMENT AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF TAX COLLECTION**

Abolishing the elected position of County Treasurer of Somerset County; transferring the duties and functions of the office of County Treasurer to the County Supervisor of Tax Collection, who shall work under the direction of the County Finance Director; repealing provisions related to the appointment and salary of the deputy treasurer of Somerset County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, Various Sections - amended, added, & re-pealed, Art. 2B, § 10-202(p) - amended, & Art. 25, § 51(r) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 155     Senator Mathias****SOMERSET COUNTY – SALE OF SMALL BOAT HARBOR DOCK**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell the Small Boat Harbor Dock to the City of Crisfield at private sale under specified terms; requiring the Small Boat Harbor Dock to revert to the County Commissioners under specified circumstances; and exempting the sale of the Small Boat Harbor Dock from specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 2-414 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 156 Senator Brochin, et al****COURTS – SERVICE OF PROCESS – INCREASE IN SHERIFF’S FEES – DISTRIBUTION TO RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM FUND**

Increasing fees for service of process of papers by a sheriff; requiring that \$10 of the fees be distributed to a fund established for the Rental Allowance Program of the Department of Housing and Community Development; establishing the Rental Allowance Program Fund; specifying that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; providing that the money in the Fund may be used only for specified purposes; adding the Fund to the list of funds the interest earnings of which are exempt from accruing to the General Fund of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CJ, § 7-402, HS, § 4-1401, and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)69. and 70. - amended and HS, § 4-1407 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)71. - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 157 Senator Conway, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – FEES AND PENALTIES FOR UNPAID WATER AND SEWER USAGE CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS**

Prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City from imposing on a residential customer fees or penalties for unpaid water or sewer usage charges that exceed \$500 per year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (45) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 158 Senator Conway, et al****HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION AND APPLICATION – EXTENSION**

Altering the date by which the homestead property tax credit may not be authorized or granted unless an application is filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

TP, § 9-105(d)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 159 Senator Middleton****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2007 –  
CHARLES COUNTY – MATTAWOMAN CREEK ART CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 to alter the authorized uses of a grant for the Mattawoman Creek Art Center; providing that the grant may not terminate before June 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Chapter 488 of the Acts of 2007, § 1(3) Item ZA02(AL) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 160 Senator Frosh, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY DOG  
– REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION**

Establishing that, in an action against an owner of a dog for damages for personal injury or death caused by the dog, evidence that the dog caused the injury or death creates a rebuttable presumption that the owner knew or should have known that the dog had vicious or dangerous propensities; establishing that the common law prior to April 1, 2012, is retained as to owners of real property and other persons who have the right to control the presence of a dog on the property without regard to the breed or heritage of the dog; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, § 3-1901 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 161 Senator Kelley****REAL PROPERTY – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES –  
FORECLOSURE OF LIENS**

Authorizing the governing body of a common ownership community to foreclose on a lien against a unit owner, member, or lot owner only if the damages secured by the lien consist solely of delinquent monthly or special assessments and do not include fines imposed by the governing body or attorney's fees related to recovering the fines, notwithstanding the declaration, articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules, or regulations of the common ownership community.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

RP, § 14-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 162     Senators Kelley and Miller****CONDOMINIUMS    AND    HOMEOWNERS    ASSOCIATIONS    –  
TRANSITION OF CONTROL – TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS**

Authorizing, without liability for the termination and on 30 days' notice to the contractor, the board of directors of a condominium to terminate a contract entered into by the developer, officers, or previous board within 180 days after the board of directors is elected at a transitional meeting, and the governing body of a homeowners association to terminate a contract entered into by the declarant or previous governing body within 180 days after the governing body is elected at a transitional meeting; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

RP, §§ 11-109(c)(16)(v) and 11B-106.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 163     Senator Pipkin****COMMERCIAL FISHING AND SEAFOOD OPERATIONS – NUISANCE  
ACTIONS – EXEMPTION**

Expanding the application of specified provisions of law relating to the protection of agricultural operations from nuisance actions under specified circumstances to apply to specified commercial fishing and seafood operations; exempting specified commercial fishing and seafood operations from nuisance lawsuits; authorizing an appeal of a local agency's decision on a nuisance complaint against a commercial fishing or seafood operation to a circuit court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CJ, § 5-403 and HG, § 20-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 164     Senator Pipkin****QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT –  
COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Decreasing from 25 to 12 the number of new employees that a business must employ in order to qualify for a property tax credit against the Queen Anne's County property tax imposed on businesses that make specified real property improvements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

TP, § 9-319(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 165     Senator Pugh, et al****ADOPTION – ACCESS TO BIRTH AND ADOPTION RECORDS AND SEARCH, CONTACT, AND REUNION SERVICES**

Making provisions of law authorizing access to birth and adoption records by specified adoptees and biological parents applicable to adoptions in which a juvenile court entered an order for adoption before January 1, 2000; repealing provisions of law limiting, under specified circumstances, access to specified information in birth and adoption records by adoptees and biological parents for adoptions in which a juvenile court entered an order for adoption on or after January 1, 2000, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

FL, Various Sections - amended and HG, § 4-219(d) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 166     Senator Conway****DENTISTS, PHYSICIANS, AND PODIATRISTS – DISPENSING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS – INSPECTION BY DIVISION OF DRUG CONTROL**

Altering the requirement that the Division of Drug Control enter and inspect the office of a dentist, physician, or podiatrist who holds a permit to dispense prescription drugs to at least annually during the duration of the permit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HO, § 12-102.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 167     Senator Kelley****RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS – GOVERNING DOCUMENTS – CLAIMS PROVISIONS**

Making unenforceable a provision of a declaration, a bylaw, a contract for sale of a unit, or any other instrument made by a developer relating to residential condominiums that purports to shorten the statute of limitations for specified claims, purports to waive the application of a specified accrual date for specified claims, operates to prevent the filing of a lawsuit or other proceeding within an applicable statute of limitations, or requires the assertion of a claim within a shorter time period than applicable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

RP, § 11-134.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 168 Senator Simonaire****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTS – FORM AND LIMITS**

Authorizing a guardian of the property of a minor in a proceeding before an orphans' court to petition the court to deposit cash belonging to the minor in an amount not exceeding \$200,000 into a single account; and authorizing a deposit under the Act to be made into any type of account at a federally insured financial institution, including a certificate of deposit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

ET, § 13-209.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 169 Senators Middleton and Raskin****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – REPORTS TO  
CRIMESOLVERS/CRIMESTOPPERS ORGANIZATION –  
INADMISSIBILITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

Establishing that evidence of a communication or information contained in the communication between an individual reporting alleged criminal activity to a specified Crimesolvers/Crimestoppers organization and the individual who accepts the report is not admissible in a court proceeding; establishing that a law enforcement agency that receives information concerning alleged criminal activity from a Crimesolvers/Crimestoppers organization may not disclose the identity of the individual who provided the information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CP, §§ 11-1101 through 11-1103 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 170 Senator Forehand****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MODIFIED ADMINISTRATION AND  
INHERITANCE TAX**

Altering the circumstances under which a personal representative of an estate may file for an election for modified administration; providing that, if a personal representative discovers property after the time for filing a verified final report, the representative shall file a report and make a final distribution of the property within specified time periods; providing that an application to prepay inheritance tax for a subsequent interest may be filed with the register of the county where an information report was filed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

ET, §§ 5-702, 5-704, and 5-706 and TG, § 7-219 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 171 Senator Forehand****ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTIONS – VOTING BY MAIL**

Authorizing the Governor, a county council, or a board of county commissioners to direct that voting by mail be utilized in specified special elections; specifying the application of provisions of law to a special election conducted by mail; requiring a local board of elections to mail a vote-by-mail ballot to each registered voter who is eligible to vote in a special election conducted by mail unless the voter has requested that the ballot be transmitted by other means; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

EL, §§ 9-601 through 9-606 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 172 Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators****CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – JUDGES SITTING AS ORPHANS' COURT**

Requiring the judges of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County to sit as the Orphans' Court for Anne Arundel County; repealing a requirement that the qualified voters of Anne Arundel County elect three orphans' court judges; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 20(b) and 40(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 173 Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – SELECTION OF MEMBERS – STRAW BALLOT**

Requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Anne Arundel County at the November general election of 2014 to determine the sense of the voters of the County on the issue of changing the method of selecting members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education; and providing for the carrying out of the straw ballot.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 174 Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators****EDUCATION – PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS**

Making public charter schools eligible to receive State funds for school construction subject to specified requirements; requiring the public charter school to submit a specified request for a capital improvement project to the county board of education; requiring the county board to establish a deadline for request submission; requiring the county board to make a specified evaluation of the request; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

ED, § 9-113 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 175 Senator Kelley, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MARYLAND CENTENARIANS DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the second Thursday in May as Maryland Centenarians Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, § 13-411 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 176 Senator Kelley****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – CONTRACTS FOR RESALE – NOTICE OF POTENTIAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

Providing that a contract for the resale of a unit in a condominium by a unit owner other than a developer is not enforceable unless the contract contains a specified notice, and the unit owner furnishes to the purchaser specified information, concerning potential special assessments; and providing that a contract for the resale of a lot in a development subject to the authority of a homeowners association is not enforceable by the vendor unless the purchaser is given a specified notice concerning potential special assessments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

RP, §§ 11-135 and 11B-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 177 Senator Young, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – THE JANE HANSON NATIONAL MEMORIAL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$35,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The John Hanson Memorial Association, Inc. for the design and construction of the Jane Hanson National Memorial, located in Frederick; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 178 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)****FAMILY LAW – BLOOD OR GENETIC TEST RESULTS – LEGAL FINDING OF PATERNITY**

Establishing that a laboratory report of a blood or genetic test constitutes a legal finding of paternity in specified cases if the test was conducted in a specified approved laboratory and the report establishes a statistical probability of paternity of at least 99%; authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration to file a copy of the report with the Division of Vital Records of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

FL, § 5-1029.1 - added and HG, § 4-211(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 179 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)****ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – FIRM PERMITS**

Altering specified requirements for the responsible member of an entity providing architectural services; authorizing the State Board of Architects to deny a firm permit to an applicant, reprimand a permit holder, suspend or revoke a permit, or impose a specified penalty under specified circumstances and subject to specified hearing provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

BOP, Various Sections - added, amended and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 180**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – STATE CHEMIST FUND**

Repealing specified special funds in the Department of Agriculture; establishing the State Chemist Fund in the Department as a special, nonlapsing fund; providing for the contents of the Fund; requiring specified penalties and proceeds to be deposited in the State Chemist Fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; providing that money in the Fund, up to \$375,000, may not revert to the General Fund of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

AG, §§ 5-103, 6-103, 6-204, and 6-303 - repealed, §§ 5-107.1(c), 5-111(b), 6-310, and 6-401(c) - amended, and § 6-501 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 181**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

**FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – PRESUMPTIVE SUPPORT OBLIGATION**

Establishing a presumptive support obligation under specified circumstances; authorizing a party to seek a judicial determination of support or challenge a presumptive support obligation; establishing that a presumptive support obligation remains in effect until otherwise determined or modified by the court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

FL, §§ 10-1A-01 and 10-1A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 182**      **Senators Brochin and Kittleman**

**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – ACTIVATION OF AUDIO RECORDING DEVICES ON VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSIT SERVICE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration, on specified transit service vehicles equipped with an audio recording device, from activating the audio recording device; and requiring the Administration to post a specified notice on each vehicle equipped with an audio recording device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

TR, § 7-705.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings